



IN THE  
UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**IN RE  
APPLICATION OF:**

Maxwell et al.

**CASE:** 57640.010274

AMENDMENT AND  
COMMUNICATION

**SERIAL NO:** 10/709,377

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**FOR:** RACK AND PINION WHEEL  
DRIVE FOR AN  
INDUSTRIAL SLIDING  
BLADE DAMPER

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If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 502428.

This is in response to the Office Action, mailed November 1, 2006, in the above-identified patent application. Please amend the application as indicated, and consider the following Remarks, toward reconsideration and allowance of the application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 herein.

Remarks begin on page 8.

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